

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this application. Claims 1-62 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, 19, 31, 40, 41, 47, 51, 55, 56, 57, 61 and 62 are independent claims. Claims 10-30, 41-50 and 56-61 were previously withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 31, 40, 51, 55 and 62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0259855 to Yoon (hereinafter “Yoon”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant submits that Yoon is not a valid prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) because the effective filing date of Yoon is October 27, 2006 which is later than the effective filing date of the present application which is April 7, 2003. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection of claims 1, 31, 40, 51, 55 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner’s indication that claims 2-9, 32-39 and 52-54 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are allowable and request that all of the pending claims be allowed and this application be passed to issue.

Disclaimer

Applicants may not have presented all possible arguments or have refuted the characterizations of either the claims or the prior art as found in the Office Action. However, the lack of such arguments or refutations is not intended to act as a waiver of such arguments or as concurrence with such characterizations.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 27592-00275-US3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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